



Docket No.: 1293.1803

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kyung-hwan KIM.

Group Art Unit: 2852

Serial No. 10/602,665

Examiner: Hoan H. Tran

Filed: June 25, 2003

For: DEVELOPING UNIT AND ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
USING THE SAME

COMMENTS REGARDING STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Examiner provided a Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the *Ex parte Quayle* Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, in which the Examiner indicated that some of the claims (particularly claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-12, 14, 15, 17-32, and 34-45) were allowed, and some of the claims (particularly claims 3, 6, 13, 16, 33, and 46) were objected to for minor informalities, based on certain features that included, among others, "an inclined portion formed on a leading portion of the guide portion to face a center shaft of the photoreceptive drum so that the gap maintenance member contacts the photoreceptive drum while pressing the photoreceptive drum in a radial direction of the photoreceptive drum." Independent claims 21, 29, 45, and 46 do not recite an inclined portion, a leading portion of a guide portion, a center shaft, or a gap maintenance member.

As specified in MPEP 1302.14, "care must be taken to ensure that such reasons are accurate, precise, and do not place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow, upon the claims." It is submitted that the Examiner's Statement does not meet these standards and, instead, raises "possible misinterpretations... and possible estoppel effects" (MPEP 1302.14) and, accordingly, should be disregarded.

It further is submitted that the claims noted above are not constrained by such limitations and that the claims speak for themselves as to what features are included therein and are their own best evidence as to the reasons for allowance of same.

Respectfully submitted,

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